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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A NPIC PERFORMED DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THE TIEN YEN COMPLEX (21 19 11N107 24 11E) AS REPORTED IN ITEM 19 OR REF B. IT IS NPIC'S INTERPRETATION THAT CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT PROGRESSED TO THE EXTENT THAT IDENTIFICATION OF THE ACTIVITY CAN BE MADE. SEVERAL FACTORS TEND TO MAKE QUESTIONABLE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THIS ACTIVITY AS A THERMAL POWER PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

A. CONFIGURATION OF REPORTED GENERATOR HALL AND BOILER HOUSE (INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR) IS NOT SIMILAR TO KNOWN THERMAL POWER PLANTS.

B. NO DEFINITE WATER IN-TAKE OR DISCHARGE IS OBSERVED.

C. THE ACTIVITY IS LOCATED AT LEAST 18 NM FROM NEAREST HIGH VOLTAGE POWERLINE WITH NO INDICATIONS OF A POWERLINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

D. NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IS OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

E. NO FUEL SOURCE IS APPARENT NOR IS THERE ANY INDUSTRY IN THE AREA REQUIRING THE CAPACITY OF A POWERPLANT THIS SIZE.

2. NPIC THEREFORE FEELS THAT BASED ON THE EXTENT AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED TO DATE, IDENTIFICATION OF THE ACTIVITY AS A PROBABLE THERMAL POWERPLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION CANNOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

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